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SUBJECT: ITU WARC, GENEVA, APRIL 22 - JUNE 7

REFEENCE: (A) STATE 057645; (B) GENEVA 1859;

(C) GARDNER - FINE TELCON APRIL 4, 1974

1. REF (A) STATED MISSION CAR AND DRIVER SATISFACTORY,
AND AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE OF OVERTIME FOR DRIVER. THIS
CAR AND DRIVER, PRESUMABLY, TO BE ASSIGNED TO U.S. REP.
REF (A) FURTHER STATED HIRE OF ADDITIONAL CAR AND DRIVER,
AT DOLS 85 PER DAY, NOT AUTHORIZED; INDICATING OTHER
MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WOULD BE EXPECTED USE TAXICABS.

2. REF (B), WHICH CROSSED IN TRAFFIC SAME DATE, MARCH 22,
AS REF (A) SUGGESTED DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE TWO HIRED CARS
AND DRIVERS RATHER THAN ONE, IN VIEW OF DELEGATION
NUMBERING 25 PERSONS.

3. IN VIEW HIGH COST (DOLS 7990) OF TWO CARS AND
DRIVERS FOR 47 DAYS AT DOLS 85 EACH, DEPARTMENT HAS MADE
STUDY OF TAXI FARES AT RECENT CONFERENCES WITH LARGE
DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA. FINDING IS THAT TAXI FARES FOR
OTHER PARTICIPANTS FUNDED BY DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOT COST
MORE THAN DOLS 150 EACH, AND, THEREFORE, TOTAL SHOULD NOT
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EXCEED DOLS 900. IN FACT, BY WALKING SHORT DISTANCES

AND CAB-POOLING LONGER ONES, TOTAL COST FOR SIX OTHER

FUNDED PARTICIPANTS SHOULD NOT EXCEED DOLS 500.

PROJECTION OF STUDY TO INCLUDE 18 OTHER PARTICIPANTS

INDICATES ALL 24 SHOULD NOT EXPEND MORE THAN DOLS 2000

FOR TAXICABS DURING SEVEN-WEEK CONFERENCE. THIS COMPARED

TO DOLS 7990 FOR TWO CARS INDICATES SAVING OF DOLS 6000

FOR ALL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WITH

CONFERENCE.

4. OTHER FACTORS AGAINST HIRING VEHICLES ARE AS

FOLLOWS:

(A) GENEVA IS MODERN CITY, GEARED TO SERVING INTER-
NATIONAL CONFERENCES, WITH FLEETS OF RADIO-DISPATCHED
TAXICABS;

(B) TAXICABS ARE KNOWN TO CONGREGATE BOTH AT MISSION
AND AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER IN HOPES OF
PICKING UP FARES;

(C) RECEPTIONISTS ON DUTY AT BOTH MISSION AND CENTER
READILY PERFORM SERVICE OF SUMMONING RADIO-DISPATCHED
TAXICABS;

(D) EACH CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT IS GIVEN SMALL CARD
BY MISSION, LISTING IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS INCLUDING
THOSE OF RELIABLE CAB COMPANIES.

(E) WAITING PERIOD SHOULD NOT EXCEED TEN OR FIFTEEN
MINUTES FOR A CAB IN GENEVA.

(F) IN SPRINGTIME WEATHER, THE WALK FROM
CENTER BACK TO MISSION IS PLEASANT 20 MINUTES TO
NEGOTIATE DISTANCE OF ABOUT ONE MILE.

5. IF, AFTER CONFERENCE CONVENES, MISSION SEES NEED FOR
HIRING BUS TO SERVE AN ISOLATED GROUP ACTIVITY, WIRE
CIRCUMSTANCES AND DEPARTMENT WILL SEND NECESSARY FISCAL
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